

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
U.S. Application No.: 10/802,884
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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Original): A spiral separation membrane element which comprises a perforated cored central tube and, wound therearound, one or more separation membranes, one or more feed-side passage materials, and one or more permeation-side passage materials, wherein the feed-side passage materials each have warps extending almost parallel with the direction of flow of a feed liquid and wefts which are thinner than the warps, and a ratio of a pitch of the warps to a pitch of the wefts is 1/1.5 to 1/6.

2. (Original): The spiral separation membrane element as claimed in claim 1, wherein a ratio of the warp diameter to the weft diameter in the feed-side passage materials is 2.5/1 or smaller.

3. (Original): The spiral separation membrane element as claimed in claim 1, wherein the ratio of a pitch of the warps to a pitch of the wefts is 1/3 to 1/5.

4. (Original): The spiral separation membrane element as claimed in claim 1, wherein the warp pitch is 2.5-5 mm, and the weft pitch is 10-20 mm.

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5. (Original): The spiral separation membrane element as claimed in claim 1, wherein the warp/weft intersection angle is 0-80°.

6. (Original): The spiral separation membrane element as claimed in claim 5, wherein the angle is 30-70°.

7. (Original): The spiral separation membrane element as claimed in claim 2, wherein the ratio is 1.1/1 to 2.3/1.

8. (Original): The spiral separation membrane element as claimed in claim 1, wherein the passage material has a thickness of 0.5-1.5 mm at a warp/weft intersection.

9. (Currently amended): A spiral separation membrane element which comprises a perforated cored central tube and, wound therearound, one or more separation membranes, one or more feed-side passage materials, and one or more permeation-side passage materials, wherein the feed-side passage materials each have warps extending almost parallel with the direction of flow of a feed liquid and wefts which are thinner than the warps, and a ratio of the warp diameter to the weft diameter is ~~2.5/1~~ 2.0/1 or smaller.

10. (Original): The spiral separation membrane element as claimed in claim 9, wherein the warp pitch is 2.5-5 mm, and the weft pitch is 10-20 mm.

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11. (Original): The spiral separation membrane element as claimed in claim 9, wherein the warp/weft intersection angle is 0-80°.

12. (Original): The spiral separation membrane element as claimed in claim 11, wherein the angle is 30-70°.

13. (Currently amended): The spiral separation membrane element as claimed in claim 9, wherein the ratio is 1.1/1 to ~~2.3/1~~2.0/1.

14. (Original): The spiral separation membrane element as claimed in claim 9, wherein the passage material has a thickness of 0.5-1.5 mm at a warp/weft intersection.

Claim 15 (Canceled)